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# Multilateral cooperation in disarmament and non-proliferation

*The General Assembly*,

*Guided* by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Noting* that the United Nations Millennium Declaration[1] stated that responsibility for managing threats to international peace and security must be shared among the nations of the world and should be exercised multilaterally,

*Recalling* that the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Road map towards the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration",[2] highlighted the important contributions of disarmament, arms control and the rule of law in advancing its goals,

*Emphasizing* that disarmament and non-proliferation are essential for the maintenance of international peace and security,

*Bearing in mind* that in his report entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change",[3] the Secretary-General stressed that the United Nations must keep its focus on "doing what matters", and emphasized that the need for an effective multilateral institution dedicated to the service of humanity has never been more acutely felt,

*Recalling* paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 56/24 T of 29 November 2001,

[1] Resolution 55/2.
[2] A/56/326.
[3] A/57/387.

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*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General's Policy Working Group on the United Nations and Terrorism,[4] which found that United Nations activities in the field of disarmament must gain renewed relevance given concerns that terrorists may seek access to weapons of mass destruction or related technologies,

*Recalling* that the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly on disarmament in 1978,[5] stated that the international machinery for disarmament should be utilized more effectively,

*Determined* to build a common response to global threats in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation,

1. *Stresses* the urgent need for renewed efforts by all Member States to use the existing multilateral disarmament machinery to promote and to achieve the goals of disarmament and non-proliferation;

2. *Encourages* further efforts by Member States to ensure that the United Nations Disarmament Commission meets in substantive session in 2003 and that the Conference on Disarmament reaches agreement on a substantive programme of work at the earliest possible time;

3. *Urges* all Member States to reaffirm their determination to comply with their respective commitments with respect to disarmament and non-proliferation, especially with respect to weapons of mass destruction;

4. *Welcomes* the Secretary-General's efforts to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the functioning of the United Nations in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation.

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[4] A/57/273-S/2002/875, annex.

[5] Resolution S-10/2.